



CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS 1 JANUARY 2007 - 30 APRIL 2007

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Explanatory Note

The County Council is required to publish a Forward Plan of all key decisions to be taken in the following four months. This Plan begins on 1 January 2007 and replaces the Plan published on 15 November 2006. It will be updated monthly and will be available 14 days before the beginning of each month. Previous versions of the Plan can also be found on the Council's website www.cumbria.gov.uk/council/decisions/forwardplan

The Forward Plan shows in Section 1 details of key decisions to be taken by the Council's Executive (ie the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet), Local Committees and by Officers under their delegated powers. The membership of the Executive and the Local Committees is set out in Appendix 1 at the end of this document.

A key decision is one which is likely to be:-

- (i) Significant in terms of expenditure or savings if it relates to a matter which exceeds £250,000 in value, **except** those decisions taken by:-
 1. the Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director – Finance & Central Services under delegated authority in connection with Treasury Management;
 2. the Corporate Director – Children's Services or the Corporate Director – Adult Social Care under delegated authority in relation to care plans for individual children and young people or adults;
 3. Corporate Directors generally under delegated powers in relation to the submission of or acceptance of tenders.

OR

- (ii) Significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions if it would change, or proposes changes to, the way in which services are used or provided. Significant in this context means important or far reaching. Examples would include proposals for changing the character of a school, closing down or opening Council services, and major changes in transport arrangements affecting an area. This is not an exhaustive list, and in considering whether a decision is a 'key decision' for the purposes of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the Council seeks to apply the principle that the public in the area affected should not be taken by surprise by the proposed decision.

The Plan shows:-

- when these decisions will be made
- who will make the decision
- to whom representations can be made and how
- what arrangements are proposed to consult the public and stakeholders about the decisions
- what documents relating to those decisions will be available and when

For completeness, the Plan includes important decisions which will be taken by the full Council which are not strictly key decisions.

Once they are available copies of documents referred to in the Plan may be obtained from the Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle (01228 606351), or by e-mail member.services@cumbriacc.gov.uk. A report to the decision maker will be available one week before the Meeting. If any documents are available before that period then that will be specified. However, in a small number of cases it may not be possible to make available certain documents as they contain confidential information.

The Plan is available free of charge on request from Susan Johnston (01228 606363). It will also be available for inspection at The Courts, Carlisle and County Offices, Kendal from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Mondays to Thursdays and 9.00 am to 4.30 pm on Fridays and on the County Council's website www.cumbria.gov.uk/council/decisions/forwardplan, as well as at all the libraries in the County.

MR T C STODDARD
Leader of the Council

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2. Implementing a Higher Activity Radioactive Waste Facility in the UK	8	Executive in January 2007	Economy and Regeneration	Economy and Culture Scrutiny Panel	Yes
3. Transport Capital Programme 2007/8	9	Council on 18 January 2007	Environment, Transport, Planning and Property	Environment Scrutiny Panel	No
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11. Cumbria Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document	17	Executive on 13 March 2007 and then Council	Environment, Transport, Planning and Property	Environment Scrutiny Panel	Yes
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Page 19 is a schedule of other important decisions to be taken by the Executive during the period 1 January – 30 April 2007.

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JANUARY - APRIL 2007

Subject: RURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Decision: Whether Cumbria County Council should act as accountable body for the sub-regional implementation of the England Rural Development Programme

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 9 January, 2007.

Consultation: With NDWA, GONW and a range of local stakeholders through the Cumbria Implementation Plan Writing Group

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Stuart Pate, Acting Head of Community County Offices, Kendal Tel 01539 773435 stuart.pate@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Or

Member: Tim Heslop, Cabinet Member for the Economy & Regeneration; Ian Stewart, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Planning and Property, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts Carlisle CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents: Rural Matters Programme Report, Cabinet 26 Sept 2006; A summary the national Rural Development Programme can be obtained at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/erdp/default.htm> A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above.

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Subject: Implementing a Higher Activity Radioactive Waste Facility in the UK

Decision: To approve a response to the Government's consultation on the CoRWM Implementation paper

Decisions to be taken by: Executive in January, 2007.

Consultation: With partners in the Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum.

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Shaun Gorman, Economy, Culture and Environment Directorate, County Offices, Kendal Tel: 01539 773420

Or

Member: Tim Heslop, Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents: A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting(s) referred to above.

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JANUARY 2007 – APRIL 2007

Subject: Transport Capital Programme 2007/08

Decision: To approve allocations / schemes set out within the Appendices of the report

Decisions to be taken by: Council on 18 January 2007

Consultation: Consultation with Cumbria Highways partners and Cabinet Members

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Clive Pickering, Corporate Director - Client Services
Barras Lane
Dalston
CA5 7NY

And

Ralph Howard, Corporate Director – Economy, Culture and Environment
Lonsdale Building
The Courts
Carlisle CA3 8NA

Member: Jack Richardson
Cabinet Member for Client Services
C/o Head of Member Services Unit
The Courts
Carlisle
CA3 8NA

Or

Ian Stewart
Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Planning and Property
C/o Head of Member Services Unit
The Courts
Carlisle
CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents: A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above.

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JANUARY 2007 -APRIL 2007

Subject: Council Plan and Budget for 2007/08 & beyond

Decision: To recommend final drafts of the Council Plan and Budget for the coming year to Council on 15th February 2007, which set out the strategic priorities and targets for the organisation, and the resources to deliver it.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 30th January 2007 (and then Council)

Consultation: Will incorporate feedback on consultation drafts from members of Scrutiny, key stakeholders and the public.

Representations: Representations may be made in writing at least two weeks before the date of the meeting to:

Anthony Gardner, Corporate Director – Strategy & Performance
The Courts
Carlisle CA3 8NA

Or

Joan Stocker
Deputy Leader and Chair of Corporate Planning Cabinet Working Group
C/o Head of Member Services Unit
The Courts
Carlisle CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents: A Report will be available one week before the meeting of Cabinet referred to above.

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JANUARY 2007 – APRIL 2007

Subject: School Admission Issues

Decision: To determine the proposed 2008/2009 co-ordinated admissions scheme for secondary schools.

Decisions to be taken by: The Executive on 30 January 2007.

Consultation: With all Cumbrian voluntary aided and foundation secondary schools, the Diocesan Authorities, Cumbria's School Admissions Forum and neighbouring LAs.

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Marion Shiels, Assistant Education Officer – School Places, School Places Team, Children's Services Directorate, 5 Portland Square, CARLISLE CA1 1PU

Or

Member: Philip Chappelhow, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, English Street, CARLISLE CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents: A report will be prepared for the Executive and will be available from the School Places Team of the Children's Services Directorate at the above address 10 days before the decisions referred to are taken.

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Subject: Possible Consultation on School Organisation Changes

Decision: To determine whether or not to proceed to public consultations in a number of areas on a range of potential school organisation changes. The areas involved are as follows:-

- 1. Primary Education in Penrith**
- 2. Primary Education in North Carlisle**
- 3. Strategically resourced schools in the Carlisle area**

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 30 January 2007

Consultation: If agreed comprehensive consultation will be undertaken which satisfy the requirements for statutory proposals for school organisation change and involve all relevant parties

Representations:

Representations can be made to:-

Jim Mitchell
Manager, School Organisation
Project
18-19 Portland Square
Carlisle

OR

Philip Chappelhow
Cabinet Member for Children and
Young People
c/o Head of Member Services Unit
The Courts
English Street
Carlisle CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents: A report will be prepared for Cabinet and will be available from the Property and Transport Services Unit at the above address 7 days before the decisions referred to are taken.

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Subject: The Capital Programme 2007/8 and the Capital Plan 2008/9 – 2010/11.

Decision: To consider a draft of the revised Capital Programme and Capital Plan.

Decisions to be taken by: The Executive on 30 January 2007.

Consultation: N/A.

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Colin Jefferson, Acting Head of Property and Transport Services, 18-19 Portland Square, Carlisle.

Or

Member: Ian Stewart, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Planning and Property, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before the Cabinet Meeting referred to above.

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JANUARY – APRIL 2007

Subject:

Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework Preferred Options and Sustainability Appraisal

Decision:

Whether to publish the report as the County Council's Preferred Options for public consultation.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 30 January, 2007 and then Council.

Consultation:

There has been extensive public consultation about issues and options between June and September 2006. If Council agrees the Preferred Options at its January meeting there will be a further statutory consultation period of six weeks. The final version of the plan which will be submitted to the Secretary of State is programmed to be reported to full County Council in June 2007. There will then be another statutory six-week consultation period.

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Richard Evans, Telephone No 01539 773425
E-mail: richard.evans@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Or

Member: Ian Stewart, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Planning and Property, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:

Reports will be available one week before the Cabinet and Council meetings referred to above.

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Subject: Local Area Agreement - Incapacity Benefit Stretch Target

Decision: Approval to use performance reward money from the LPSA6 programme to support a new initiative supporting people claiming incapacity benefit (and not on the Pathways to Employment scheme) into employment. The initiative will play a crucial role in the delivery of a proposed LAA Stretch Target.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 20 February, 2007.

Consultation:

With relevant partners.

Representations can be made to:

Officer: David Ingham, Economic Development Policy Manager
Telephone No: 01228 606681
E-mail: david.ingham@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Or

Member: Tim Heslop, Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above.

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Subject: Developing & Implementing a New Compact & Associated Codes of Practice, and Third Sector Strategy

Decision: To agree to further development of the Council's Compact with the voluntary sector including five good practice codes on volunteering, consultation, black and ethnic minority community organisations, funding and community groups and the Third Sector Strategy.

Decisions to be taken by: The Executive on 13 March 2007

Consultation:

Unions
Members of the Public
Service Users
Key Stakeholders
Partners

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Georgina Ternent, Programme Manager – Voluntary & Parish Sector, Area Support Office, Penrith Library, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7YA
Tel: 01768 242365 E-mail: georgina.ternent@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Or

Member: Roger Bingham, Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA
E-mail: roger.bingham@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before each of the Cabinet meeting referred to above.

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Subject: Cumbria Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document

Decision: To agree the content of the Wind Energy SPD for adoption. The SPD is to be considered by Allerdale Borough Council, Carlisle City Council, Copeland Borough Council, Eden District Council, South Lakeland District Council and the Lake District National Park Authority for adoption as part of their Local Development Frameworks.

Decisions to be taken by:

The Executive on 13 March 2007 and then Council.

Consultation:

Consultation on the scope and objectives of the Wind SPD and its associated Sustainability Appraisal was carried out in February/March 2006 with over 100 stakeholders. Formal consultation on the draft SPD and final Sustainability Appraisal was carried out in October/December 2006 with over 1300 stakeholders. The document has been developed in partnership with officers from each of the Cumbrian Local Authorities.

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Jenny Wain, Principal Planning Officer – Landscape and Countryside, County Offices, Kendal, LA9 4RQ
jenny.wain@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Or

Member

Ian Stewart, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Planning and Property, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA
e-mail : ian.stewart@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Availability of Documents:

Details of the consultation draft Wind Energy SPD, Sustainability Appraisal and Statement of Community Involvement are available on the Council's website:

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/planning-environment/policy/spd.asp> A report will be available one week before the Cabinet and Council meetings referred to above.

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Subject: Public Rights of Way Enforcement Policy

Decision: To adopt a policy for standardising legal enforcement on public rights of way throughout Cumbria

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 13 March 2007.

Consultation: Cumbria Association of Local Councils, Countryside Access Partnership Board, Cumbria Local Access Forum.

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Rob Terwey, Economy, Culture and Environment Directorate, The Courts, Carlisle. Tel No 01228 606717

Or

Member: Ian Stewart, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Planning and Property, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents: A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above. Please contact David Gibson, Tel No 01228 606558

SECTION 2

Item	Brief Description	Date to Cabinet	(1) Relevant Cabinet Portfolio (2) Relevant Corporate Director (3) Relevant Scrutiny Committee/Panel
1. Local Area Agreement	To approve the Local Area Agreement	9 January 2007	Leader of the Council Corporate Director – Strategy and Performance Improving Council Services Scrutiny Panel
2. Review of Accessibility Strategy	To consider a review of the Accessibility Strategy for Cumbria	9 January 2007	Children and Young People Corporate Director – Children’s Services Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel
3. Annual Treasury Investment Strategy	To recommend the relevant Strategy Statements to Council	30 January 2007	Deputy Leader of the Council Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director – Finance and Central Services Improving Council Services Scrutiny Panel
4. Government Statement Low Level Waste Policy	To consider the Government Report and comment on the new policy	30 January 2007	Economy and Regeneration Corporate Director – Economy, Culture and Environment Economy and Culture Scrutiny Panel
*Reports will be available one week before the Cabinet meetings referred to above.			

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APPENDIX 1

1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive is

Mr T C Stoddard (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Policy and Performance Management)

Mrs J E Stocker (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Planning, Financial Control and Efficiency Programme)

Mr R K Bingham (Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities)

Mr P G Chappelhow (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People)

Mr T Heslop (Cabinet Member for the Economy and Regeneration)

Vacancy

Mrs E A Mallinson (Cabinet Member for Organisational Development)

Mr O H Pearson (Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities and Older People)

Mr I Stewart (Cabinet Member for the Environment, Transport, Planning and Property)

Mr J R Richardson (Cabinet Member for Client Services)

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEES

County Council Local Committee for Allerdale (16)

Chair: Mr A J Markley

Vice-Chair: Mr G Humes

Labour Members (8)

Mr A L Barry

Mr W Cameron

Mrs B A Cannon

Mr A Clark

Mr J Crouch

Mr G Humes

Mr K A Little

Mr J Holliday

Independent Member (1)

Mr T M Fee

Conservative Members (5)

Mr J Buchanan

Mr D S Fairbairn

Mr T Heslop

Mr A J Markley

Mr E W Nicholson

Liberal Democrat Member (2)

Miss E D Barraclough

Mr A Caine

County Council Local Committee for Barrow (12)

Chair: Mr A D Nicholson

Vice-Chair: Mr K R Hamilton

Labour Members (11)

Mrs A Burns
Mr J H Garnett
Mr K R Hamilton
Mr C Kitchen
Ms J A Murphy
Mr J D Murphy
Mr A D Nicholson
Mr P Phizacklea
Mr N M Shaw
Mr W Smith
Mr E R Wilson

Conservative Members (1)

Mr J R Richardson

County Council Local Committee for Carlisle (17)

Chair: Mr C F Weber

Vice-Chair: Ms H M Horne

Labour Members (9)

Mr J Bell
Ms H M Bradley
Mrs A Glendinning
Ms H M Horne
Mr H F McDevitt
Mr M L Richardson
Mr R Watson
Mr C F Weber
Mr S F Young

Conservative Members (7)

Mr J R Collier
Mrs E A Mallinson
Mrs J Mallinson
Mr G R Prest
Mr J R D Robinson
Mr A Toole
Vacancy

Liberal Democrat Members (1)

Vacancy

County Council Local Committee for Copeland (12)

Chair: Mr R Calvin

Vice-Chair: Mr T J Knowles

Labour Members (9)

Mrs J Andersen
Mr R Calvin
Mr B W Kirk
Mr T J Knowles
Mr S A J Leyton
Mr J B McAllister
Mr A C Ross
Mr D E Southward
Mr J Woolley

Conservative Members (3)

Mrs S E Brown
Mr N Clarkson
Mr R S Cole

County Council Local Committee for Eden (9)

Chair: Mr G B Strong

Vice-Chair: Mr R A Bird

Liberal Democrat Member (1)

Mr M Ash

Independent Member (1)

Mr C Nineham

Conservative Members (7)

Mr R A Bird
Mr P G Chappelhow
Mrs I Henderson
Mr A P Richardson
Mr T C Stoddard
Mr G B Strong
Mrs M M Warburton

County Council Local Committee for South Lakeland (18)

Chair: Mr G D Cook

Vice-Chair: Mr E L G Walsh

Labour Members (2)

Mr D T Clarke
Mrs W A Kolbe

Liberal Democrat Members (7)

Mr T Clare
Mr S B Collins
Mr G D Cook
Mr J C Hemingway
Mr L Lishman
Mr I Stewart
Mrs J E Stocker

Conservative Members (9)

Mr B Barton
Mr R K Bingham
Mr J Bland
Mr A D Bobbett
Mrs P M Halfpenny
Mr J Nicholson
Mr O H Pearson
Mr E L G Walsh
Mr W J Wearing